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Eastern District of New York*

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*271 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201*

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**By ECF and E-mail to Defendants**

Honorable Natasha C. Merle  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *United States v. Hou, et al.*  
No. 25-cv-2719 (Merle, J.) (Scanlon, M.J.) (E.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Merle:

Plaintiff, the United States of America, respectfully submits this status report to supplement the status report filed earlier this evening. *See* ECF No. 16.

At 8:11 p.m. Eastern Time, Defendant Yizhao Hou notified the United States by email that he is requesting a Mandarin interpreter. A copy of this email is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The United States thanks the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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